a part of speech of a relevant extracted term; and

a relevant extracted term frequency and importance in a language of the

information source.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be

entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and
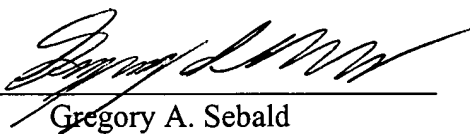
consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this

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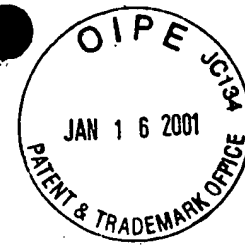(612) 332-5300

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30. (Amended) The method of claim [30] 1 wherein the group of at least one information packet comprising of at least one information packet received from a single information source.

117. (Amended) The system of claim [126] 116 wherein each inverted file entry comprising of at least one field selected from a group consisting of:

a channel identifier, for identifying the information source that provided the extracted term;

instances number, for indicating a number of times the extracted term was provided by an information source; and

time of last appearance, for indicating a most recent time in which the extracted term was received from an information source.

133. (Amended) The system of claim [138] 98 wherein the group of at least one information packet comprising of at least one information packet received from a single information source.

134. (Amended) The system of claim [138] 98 wherein the similarity reflects at least one of the following parameters:

a total amounts of extracted terms being received from at least one information source during a predefined time interval;

a number of relevant extracted terms being received from at least one information source during the predefined time interval;

a total number of information sources being searched during the predefined time interval;

an elapsed time since a last appearance of a relevant extracted term from an information source during the predefined time interval;

a position of relevant extracted terms in at least one information source; extracted term in proximity to a relevant extracted term;

a part of speech of a relevant extracted term; and

a relevant extracted term frequency and importance in a language of the information source.